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Section I. Invitation for Bids

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West Africa

Title of bid: **Supply of Cleaning Materials**

Contract Identification No.: **IFB#: MFDP/NCB/SBA/04/2022**

1. The government of Liberia through the Ministry of Finance & Development Planning (MFDP) intends to apportion funds towards the cost of procuring **cleaning materials** for the operation of the Ministry through a framework agreement during the Fiscal Year 2022.
2. The MFDP now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the supply of cleaning materials during the Fiscal Year 2022. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding process in accordance with procedures specified in the Amended and Restated Public Procurement and Concessions Act (PPC Act) published and approved: September 18, 2010.
3. The supply of cleaning materials as per the Ministry of Finance & Development Planning requirements is summarized in the below table:

Description	Number	Quantity	Delivery Schedule
Cleaning Materials	IFB#: MFDP/NCB/SBA/04/2022	See Schedule of requirement in the Bidding Document for list of items to be Supplied.	To be delivered upon request

4. All Interested eligible bidders may obtain a complete set of the bidding documents from the address below upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **US \$25.00** beginning January 27, 2022, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM daily, Mondays to Fridays.
5. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of US \$380.00 in the form of a Manager's Check, Bank Guarantee or an Insurance Bond.
6. All bids must be submitted at the address below on or before **Thursday, February 24, 2022 at or before 2:00 PM**. Bid opening will be done promptly thereafter at 2:15 PM, in the Conference room on the 10th Floor of the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, in the presence of bidders, their representatives or those who choose to attend. Bids shall be valid for a period of 90 days after the deadline of Bid submission. Late bids will be received as such but rejected and returned unopened. Electronic bidding will not be permitted.
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 - III. **Current Tax Clearance Certificate (Liberia Revenue Authority)**
 - IV. **Statements of past performance satisfaction from at at three (3) previous and current clients - including the names and contact numbers of the clients**
 - V. **Capacity to pre-finance supplies for at least four (4) weeks**
 - VI. **Ability to respond to the MFDP schedule of supply**
 - VII. **Compliance with PPCC Vendor Registration procedures**
 - VIII. **Bid Security of 380.00 USD in the form of a Bank Guarantee, Manager's Check, or an Insurance Bond.**
8. Submissions must be signed, sealed in an envelope and clearly marked, **SUPPLY OF CLEANING MATERIALS –IFB#:MFDP/NCB/SBA/2004/2022**, and addressed to:
Director of Procurement
Room 045– 3rd Floor
Ministry of Finance and Development Planning
Broad & Mechlin Streets
1000 Monrovia 10, Liberia
Mobile number: / 231-886-579-455/0770191202
Web address: / ericbarkoi@mfdp.gov.lr / mgldaydor@mfdp.gov.lr
9. The Ministry of Finance and Development Planning reserves the right to reject or accept any bid submitted and to annul the entire process at any time without incurring any liability and without assigning any reason thereof.

Signed: 
Director of Procurement

Approved: 
Deputy Minister for Administration

EDITORIAL

The paradox of Pres. Weah's reconciliatory message

IN HIS 5TH Annual Message to the 54th Liberian Legislature on Monday, 24th January President George Manneh Weah rallied Liberians not to allow politics divide the nation to the extent of destroying it. But this is exactly the posture the President has adopted.

MR. WEAH IS allowing politics to blind his eyes to reality that this country is so divided to the extent that reasoning among Liberians as one people does not count anymore.

THE PRESIDENT DISAPPOINTINGLY led his entourage of ruling party officials to kick off celebration of Liberia's Bicentennial at the Providence Island in Monrovia without inviting the opposition bloc and the religious community, but blamed it on organizers of the program. Liberia's 200 years of existence as a country is not owned exclusively by a six-year administration but all citizens irrespective of social, economic, political and religious affiliation so they should be involved.

When President Weah constantly ignores cries of the people of Lofa for their Senator-elect, Brownie Samukai to take his seat in the Senate and retribute soldiers' money that he expended on official purpose, which has effectively denied that county from being fully represented under his administration then what does genuine reconciliation mean to this government?

OTHERS MAY ARGUE that the issue of Senator-elect Samukai is a rule of law matter that the President should stay clear of. Rightly so; but true reconciliation goes deeper than mere lip service especially, when citizens are on bended knees, begging for mercy.

THE ADMINISTRATION HIDES under the rule of law and go after perceived enemies, but looks the other way when endemic corruption is practiced from the highest office down to the National Port Authority, the Liberia Water and Sewer Corporation, Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission and other public entities under its watch because of nepotism and partisanship.

AS HEAD OF STATE, the President has neither called for a meeting with the opposition nor solicited their views and perspectives on matter of state. He seems more interested in throwing jibes and going to studio to produce music than uniting Liberians yet he is calling for unity.

FROM LOFA TO BONG and Nimba Counties citizens are aggrieved but they have no opportunity to sit in a town hall meeting with the Leader of the Land to express their grievances yet he asks Liberians to walk in peace continuously.

THE ROAD TO PEACE, reconciliation and unity is like a triangular path where all sides should come together to discuss, instead of the leader standing far away or sitting in his comfort zone and sending olive branch.

GENUINE RECONCILIATION requires an open mind, a listening heart and sincerity for national healing to take place. The talk should be matched by action.



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COMMENTARY

By Biniam Bedasso,
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Economic Sanctions Won't Bring Peace to Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA/CHICAGO - The recent decision by US President Joe Biden's administration to revoke Ethiopia's eligibility for the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) has revived the debate over the effectiveness of imposing economic sanctions on poor countries. The administration cited "gross violations of internationally recognized human rights" in the conflict in northern Ethiopia as the basis for the move. But it is unclear how Ethiopia's exclusion from the program will end the violations, especially given the involvement of multiple state and non-state actors in the conflict.

AGOA offers eligible countries in Sub-Saharan Africa duty-free access to the US market for selected products. Ethiopia stands to lose preferential access to a market segment worth \$240 million, which is equivalent to roughly 9% of the country's total exports. The loss will be felt most acutely by the apparel and leather industries, which employ around 200,000 people, most of whom are women.

In general, there is little theoretical support for using international economic sanctions to influence governments' domestic political behavior. What explanations there are derive from the Heckscher-Ohlin model of international trade, according to which a country benefits from exporting goods produced with its most abundant resources and importing goods that use resources that are scarce. If sanctions are imposed and trade is limited, the country's supply and demand balance will be disrupted and overall welfare will decline - something political leaders would like to avoid.

En réalité, de multiples raisons inclinent à penser que ce consensus est trop optimiste.

Tout d'abord, les économies émergentes sont aujourd'hui plus lourdement endettées. Les rapports de la dette publique au PIB augmentaient déjà avant l'apparition de la pandémie, mais ils ont désormais atteint des sommets préoccupants, à plus de 60 % du PIB.

Si personne ne remet en question qu'il fut sage d'emprunter pour répondre à une urgence de santé publique et à la menace d'une crise économique, ces lourdes dettes posent des problèmes de gestion. Les maigres ressources budgétaires qui pourraient sinon être allouées aux soins de santé, à l'éducation et aux infrastructures vont être aspirées par le service de la dette. Et le poids de celle-ci ira croissant à mesure que la Réserve fédérale des États-Unis durcira sa politique monétaire et que se raréfieront les capitaux à l'échelle mondiale, c'est-à-dire qu'augmenteront les pressions à la hausse sur les taux d'intérêt.

La dette publique n'est en outre qu'une partie du problème. Depuis l'apparition de la pandémie, les dettes des ménages et des entreprises non financières ont augmenté presque aussi vite que celles des États. Lorsque ces débiteurs s'avéreront insolubles, il est probable que les pertes seront socialisées et pèseront sur les bilans des finances publiques.

Un autre facteur devrait inciter au scepticisme concernant le consensus sur les marchés émergents : les risques de la promiscuité au travail poussent à l'accélération de l'automation dans les économies avancées. Comme la nécessité d'une étroite coordination oculomotrice entravait encore, voici peu, ce type d'évolution, l'exportation des industries manufacturières à forte concentration de main-d'œuvre constitua longtemps la voie traditionnelle d'augmentation des revenus sur les marchés émergents et dans les pays en développement. Si ces industries ne demandent ni de lourds investissements ni une main-d'œuvre hautement qualifiée, elles ont le mérite de familiariser cette dernière avec la discipline de l'usine, de permettre la formation par l'apprentissage, d'acclimater les entreprises à la concurrence sur les marchés mondiaux et de rapporter des devises.

Il est à craindre que ces produits manufacturés soient très bientôt fabriqués par des robots et des imprimantes 3D, dans les pays mêmes où ils sont vendus. Une telle perspective renforce les inquiétudes déjà formées quant à la « désindustrialisation prématurée » des marchés émergents.

Concomitamment, les chaînes d'approvisionnement, dont l'importance pour les économies émergentes est cruciale, connaissent, du fait de la pandémie, des perturbations importantes, qui conduisent les entreprises à rechercher des facteurs de production plus proches. Les gouvernements des pays développés arguent quant à eux de leur sécurité économique pour justifier les incitations qu'ils mettent en place afin de rapatrier une partie de la production manufacturée.

Pour les marchés émergents, les effets négatifs ne sont pas sans ressembler à ceux de l'accélération de l'automation. Nombre de pays à revenu faible ou intermédiaire commencent par des tâches d'assemblage simples avant de s'engager dans des opérations de fabrication plus complexes. Les occasions de ce type se raréfieront si les économies développées assemblent plus de biens chez elles.

Le Mexique pourrait tirer profit des efforts consentis par les sociétés aux États-Unis pour contracter leurs chaînes d'approvisionnement. Les pays d'Europe de l'Est pourraient aussi bénéficier d'une dynamique analogue dans les pays de l'Union européenne. Mais l'Asie du Sud, l'Afrique et l'Amérique latine pourraient se trouver évincées.

Et surtout, il faut compter avec les conséquences du Covid-19 sur la formation du capital humain. Si ses effets sont partout négatifs, ils le sont encore plus sur les marchés émergents, où la bande passante à grande vitesse, nécessaire pour dispenser un enseignement à distance correct, est une denrée rare. Le rythme plus lent des vaccinations va se traduire par la prolongation des fermetures de classes dans les établissements d'enseignement et par la multiplication des absences. Selon une estimation de la Banque mondiale, la proportion d'enfants de dix ans ne sachant ni lire ni comprendre un texte simple passera dans les pays en développement de 53 % à 63 % du simple fait de la pandémie.

L'objection la plus convaincante à ces prévisions pessimistes résiderait dans le dopage d'après-crise de l'économie mondiale, qui profiterait aux marchés émergents. La croissance de la productivité dans les économies avancées, qui marquait un ralentissement depuis plusieurs décennies, fut soutenue durant la pandémie, notamment aux États-Unis. Les évolutions technologiques et structurelles induites par la pandémie pourraient désormais entretenir cette accélération. Une croissance plus rapide dans les pays développés créerait ainsi une demande supplémentaire pour les exportations des marchés en développement.

À ce stade, cet argument ne relève que de l'hypothèse. La hausse récente de la productivité dans les économies avancées est entièrement imputable à des facteurs conjoncturels - pour les plus récents d'entre eux à l'utilisation plus intensive de leurs ressources par les entreprises au moment des rebonds qui ont suivi les dépressions enregistrées en 2020. À vrai dire, ces regains de la productivité ressemblent beaucoup à ceux des précédentes reprises liées aux cycles économiques - ce qui signifie qu'il n'est nullement certain que l'accélération se poursuive.

Mais tout n'est pas pour autant lugubre. Au contraire de ce qui s'est passé lors des précédentes récessions, les banques centrales et les gouvernements des marchés émergents ont été capables de stabiliser la situation, ce qui témoigne de leur succès à bâtir leur crédibilité. Jusqu'à présent, les faillites bancaires et les accidents financiers qui ont ponctué dans l'histoire ce type d'épisode ont été rares. La production de vaccins et, conséquemment, les vaccinations s'accroissent. Cela dit, les révisions à la baisse des prévisions de croissance sont probablement inéluctables.

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Lord, why so much hatred in our village?

Dear Father:

Why is it that there are so much hatred and dishonesty in our village? No, seriously Father, the dishonesty, hatred and back biting are too much mehn.

You and your friend joined together the next thing they are looking for way to destroy you and take over all because of envy and jealousy. -No wonder our village can't go anywhere.

But my son, who na make you vex so and you starting your New Year with this kina vexation?

No mehn Father, da na these people-these so-called other group who can together saying they want to remove the Footballer in 2023. They started fighting among themselves small, small and now they are in one of the village courts.

They say da orlor man, the old big man from the Shipping place there carried him friend to court. They say he told the people that his friend, the orlor old big man from Coco-Cola Factory da criminal. Him say the man write him name and he na agree. So right now they carried their matter to the village court and everything na scattered. You say what my son?

Ah Father, da na fire coming from my mouth oh, neither is popcorn popping. I say the people nachakala the whole thing. The group that wanted to remove the Footballer in 2023 finichakaling. The Talk Ray Man fighting the Short Ray man, the Old Sleepy Papy who supposed to act like the Father and call the young ones together continue to be laying down to his house sleeping as if nothing is happening.

Um, but da that one you will mind my son, the man can take any decision for his self sef?

I mean Father this is serious. So how people will take us serious na when we can't even agree to be together. If we do, then it is out of pretense.

So what really happened na before the orlor man go take him friend to court?

Father, from day one the man been behind him friend. Nobody in this village know what between these two people. It just like the old Rooster Man and the Iron Old Lady who couldn't see eyebolt to eyebolt. Sometimes you think it is just common jealousy but it can be bigger than that.

So right na, they are in the village court and the Footballer people are just laughing at them, even some of the village people are so shame of them.

But you know the main person to be shame of is that sleepy old man who has just refused to show himself as an elderly village man who can bring things under control-even in their own group where one of his members are fighting among themselves, the old just continue to sleep on it. Da the man who want to chop president for our village.

Puah, I think your village people should just keep the Footballer there oo, if da he the only person to go against him.

Yes, oh Father, because our village will be burning and we call him and he will still be sleeping. Nothing to show that he is in charge small seh.

But I want see how far all of them will go Father. Ehn they nachakala everything. I just pray they don't put our little village into trouble again with their greed for power.

Anyway, we watching to see how their matter will fini at the Village court. The way Uncle Sam na start putting him mouth inside small, small. It getting interesting by the day.

Anyway, Happy New Year Father!

JUDICIAL BRANCH REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA



SITTING IN ITS JANUARY TERM A.D. 2022.

BEFORE HIS HONOR .. SCHEAPLOR R. DUNBAR, JUDGE, MONTHLY & PROBATE COURT, MONT. CO. R.L.

IN RE: THE PETITION OF VICTORIA N. THORPE, JOHANS C. THORPE, ROLANDEE D. TOWEH, ABRAHAM DAVIES, ROBERT CLARKE AND RUTH THOMPSON, ALL OF THE COUNTY OF MONTERRADO, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, PETITIONERS, PRAYING THIS HONORABLE COURT FOR PROBATION AND REGISTRATION OF THE LAST WILL AND DTESTAMENT OF THE LATE ALETHA B. TOWEH..

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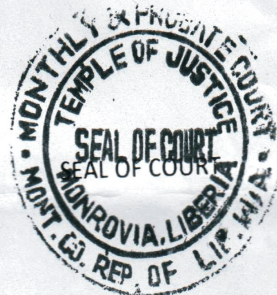
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- Preparation of Goods-In-Transit report.
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Police send 2 murder suspects to court

By Patrick N. Mensah,
Maryland county

The Crime Services Department (CSD) of the Liberia National Police in Maryland county has charged and forwarded to court two suspects in connection with the alleged murder of a 51-year-old Peter Huggins, resident of Bunker Hill, Community East Harper in Maryland.

Suspects Alfred Sackor Mombou, age 34, and 19-year-old Brown B. Dalieh, Jr,

were charged and sent to court on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, for allegedly beaten Peter Huggins, Jr. on January 19, 2022, resulting to his death.

Speaking to the Liberia National Police on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, the spouse (girlfriend) of the victim, Felecia George, narrated that at about 7:45 to 8:00PM, her boyfriend, the late Peter Huggins, Jr. was allegedly beaten with a mortar pestle in his chest and back.

A pestle is a simple tool used to pound ingredients or

substances in a mortar by crushing and grinding them for cooking or other purposes.

Few days after the incident, Felecia said reported to the Police in Harper that her fiancé had suddenly died following his flogging.

She continued that the suspects and her boyfriend had a fist-fight after which he didn't recover until his demise.

Explaining also, 56-year-old eyewitness Samuel A. Williams, a retired sheriff of the Fourth Judicial Circuit court in Harper, told police investigators that on Wednesday, January 19, at about 8:00pm, while at his residence, he heard noise from the residence of the late Peter Huggins, so he and others community dwellers ran there to find out what was happening.

"When I got there, I saw the late Peter Huggins coming towards me, asking for help and it was the only thing he kept repeating. Because I know he is[was] mentally challenged so I started to convince him to go home but

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Suspects Alfred Sackor Mombou and Brown B. Dalieh, Jr. heading for court

Give zogoes attention

—Apostle Kromah tells gov't following 29 deaths at crusade

By Lincoln G. Peters

The General Overseer of the World of Life Outreach International Ministries Apostle Abraham Kromah who's three-day night-time crusade ended tragically with 29 deaths has called on the government here to pay key attention to drug abusers who are also known among Liberians as zogoes or disadvantaged youths.

Speaking late Wednesday night on his radio station, Vision FM 102.1, Pastor Kromah expressed deep sadness over the incident, saying he is broken and disappointed about those that lost their lives in a stampede that occurred when zogoes invaded a sports pitch where the crusade was held on Bushrod Island.

"Please, to the Government of Liberia, please do all you can within your power and give attention to those disadvantaged youths or 'zogoes' in the street," said Pastor Kromah.

"Please do all you can to protect your citizens. Please, above all, try and get them off the street so that you can save the lives of your citizens.

Once again, I am deeply sorry, broken and disappointed about the loss of lives," he continued.

He said it was never his wish and thought for the crusade to be as it went, adding that he is broken and saddened by the deaths.

Pastor Kromah condemned the situation and the way in which his people died, but also prayed that the souls of the faithful rest in peace.

Liberian health authorities have confirmed the deaths of at least 29 persons following the

stampede that occurred at the overcrowded crusade when Christian worshipers were reportedly invaded by drug abusers or street gangs armed with deadly instruments intended to incite fear, wage terror and steal from people.

The three-day night-time crusade was organized at the D. Twe Memorial High School soccer pitch in New Kru Town on Bushrod Island by the Word of Life Outreach Ministry senior pastor Apostle Abraham Kromah, popularly known as "More Grace."



Govt. appeals to marketers

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White Blue at the event.

At the same time Monrovia City Mayor Jefferson T. Koijee says he would do all in his powers to work along with marketers in Redlight to return to the Omega Market.

"We will officially begin the reinforcement this Friday to make sure citizens who are still selling in Redlight return to Omega Market", the Mayor adds.

Government completed the Omega Market sometime last year, and asked marketers to relocate ease congestion in Redlight and allow ongoing road construction there, but some marketers have remained recalcitrant on grounds that sales is better at Redlight than leads to the interior of the country. **Editing by Jonathan Browne**

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The incident is reported to have occurred during an open-air church service in the area Wednesday night, 19 January 2022. Hundreds of Christian worshipers converged at the soccer-pitch for the three-day crusade in Montserrado County District number 16.

A moment after the service climaxed during the night, the drug abusers attacked worshipers attending the service with machetes, knives and other deadly weapons and made away with the loot.

Ghettos, cemeteries and other abandoned structures are some of the places drug addicts shelter in and outside of Monrovia.

And there is a fast-growing population of young people who have become zogoes or drug addicts, spreading into the communities and posing danger to peaceful citizens and residents even in broad daylight.

Apostle Kromah believes that when the government of Liberia gives attention to disadvantaged youths across the country, it will help promote security and protection for citizens.

He said it will also stop zogoes from attacking and hijacking people as they did during the crusade held in New Kru Town. The crusade brought together hundreds of believers. Among the dead were a pregnant woman, several other women, men and children. "The crusade went well, but it's so unfortunate we lost lives. I Apostle Abraham Kromah deeply say I am sorry for the incident and everything that I have caused you," he noted.

"However, I pray that our good God, console us in these

difficult times. I never came to you with bad intentions because I see that crusade as total freedom but again sorry it went that way." He explained that he has been conducting crusades in other places and he has been through challenges, saying he leaves this latest incident to God. According to Pastor Kromah, people are being spiritually oppressed and no matter what they do physically, they will not end up anywhere.

Based on that, he said he was instructed by God to save people from such power.

Meanwhile, Apostle Abraham Kromah has thanked the Liberia National Police (LNP), the entire Christian Community and the media for their role played, adding that their efforts will never be forgotten.

Pastor Kromah said they served as encouragement and motivation for him when he was depressed and broken by the death. Pastor Kromah said it's so sad and complicated for a physical man to understand spiritual things, adding that "we are in a generation of our days where people make statement and accuse people falsely of things they know nothing about."

"I say thanks to my enemies, critics and hypocrites and all those who see this period as the best and right time to express the issues they have long been keeping... within them for years against me," he said.

"I also pray that the good God we all serve see us through because he is the final judge. Thanks for the misrepresentation, criticisms but they were not my primary concern, rather my primary concern was my people that were attacked and killed," he concluded.

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Instructors end go-slow at BWI

By: Ramsey N. Singbeh, Jr.
Margibi county

Following intervention from the Government of Liberia through the Civil Service Agency, the Ministries of Finance and Education and the BWI Administration, protesting teachers at the Booker Washington Institute (BWI) in Kakata, Margibi County have called off their go-slow on campus.

On Monday, January 24, 2022, academic instructors of the institute, who were supposed to commence administering mid-term exam, halted all academic activities in demand of increment of incentives.

The go-slow lasted up to Wednesday this week after the protesting instructors through their union met with representatives from the government behind closed doors.

The meeting was followed by a press release issued by the workers union, announcing a halt to the go-slow.

The release partially reads: "The Booker Washington Institute Workers Union is pleased to inform students, parents and the general public that the "Go-slow" action instituted by the academic instructors of BWI has been called off as of today, January 26, 2022."

The union says the

decision followed consultation with all stakeholders, including the BWI Administration on welfare of the staff and teaching faculty of the institution.

Meanwhile, the BWI Workers Union apologizes to students, parents and the public at large for the disruption of academic activities on campus for the entire week and promises to always use dialogue in resolving grievances, while reassuring to work hard in ensuring that BWI becomes a model center for Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) in Liberia.

To the amazement of students of BWI, their academic instructors refused to

administer exams on January 24 in demand of increment in salary and incentives.

Students were told to stay home for three days as of Monday, January 24th. But normal academic activities have been restored following intervention by the government.

Founded in 1929 and named in memory of the late renowned African-American Scholar Booker T. Washington, BWI has been one of the premiere vocational and technical institutions in Liberia that has immensely contributed to the country's human resource development. **Editing by Jonathan Browne**



Govt. appeals to marketers to leave Redlight

By Lewis S. Teh

President George Manneh Weah is appealing to marketers in Redlight to relocate to the Omega General Market to enable ongoing road project, Presidential Affairs Minister, Nathaniel F. McGill, reveals.

Speaking at a News

Conference Wednesday evening in Monrovia, Minister of State for Presidential Affairs Nathaniel McGill said President Weah is appealing to the marketers to please leave because the Government does not want to use force to remove the marketers.

Addressing a news conference in Monrovia late

Wednesday, 26 January 2022, Minister McGill said the removal of Red Light marketers to Omega will enable the government to complete the current road construction sooner.

He says if the road construction ongoing in Red Light is not completed on time, the government will be penalized.

Minister McGill further discloses that an important meeting is scheduled for today, Friday, with the Ministries of Justice, Internal Affairs, the city corporations, the Liberia Marketing Association, and the Inspector General of Police at the Paynesville City Hall in Paynesville to discuss issues surrounding relocation of marketers to Omega.

Meanwhile, the Minister of State announces that official date for the Bicentennial Celebration is February 14, 2022.

He calls on Liberians to join the celebration by turning out with the national colors Red,

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Police send 2 murder

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one guy by the name of Sackor, the suspect, went to him and started to push him out of their yard and he (Alfred Sackor Mombou) went in his house for mortar pestle and hit him for the first time on his back and he started to leave the yard but Sackor followed him, beating him with the pestle so he came at my yard and fell down on his back, but Alfred Sackor Mombou kept knocking him with the mortar pestle in his chest", Witness Williams narrated to the Police.

He said while the deceased was lying helpless, another boy named T. Boy, came from the same direction of the two suspects, using stick to beat the late Huggins on his left foot until he got cut.

"So when it was too much despite I have tried to stop them, I told T. Boy and Sackor that if anything happens to the deceased (Peter Hugging) I will tell the police because the way they were beating him, thou it wasn't my one who was present, many people were there", he added.

Suspect Alfred Sackor Mombou explained that on Wednesday January 19, 2022 at about 7:30Pm, while in his yard along with other tenants, the deceased was passing by with one Oliver, but while going he (Huggins) stood and asked for help so one of the tenants known as Isaiah gave him 100 Liberian Dollars.

He said after receiving the money, the late Huggins still asked for help so one Dedesco Gweh interjected and inquired which kind of help?

He added that Dedesco then noticed that the victim's penis had already erected, so he asked him if he wanted woman to which the late Huggins allegedly responded yes, so Dedesco immediately pushed him out of the yard.

According to Suspect Sackor, when he was pushed out, the deceased didn't stop there, rather, he went to other apartments, allegedly harassing ladies who were in those apartments.

He continued that while in the process, a pregnant woman called Anita, was returning from the bathroom and the late Peter Huggins rushed to her and she fell to the ground that night, and allegedly he started to force himself on her so he (Sackor) quickly ran there to rescue the lady.

He said when he pushed the deceased aside and picked the pregnant woman up, the deceased took stick against him, but someone called his attention and it was how they tussled over the stick, before Mr. Samuel Williams intervened and told him (Sackor) to stop beating the deceased, but denied beating him.

"I was afraid of leaving the stick before the deceased in return hurt me, so I successfully took the stick from the deceased (Peter) and threw it down but Martha took the stick to the deceased's girlfriend, who later brought it as evidence", he explained.

Sackor added that the Police later went on the scene and asked them to take the pregnant woman to hospital, which they did, but noted that his friend or accomplice (Brown B. Dalieh, Jr) was arrested based on medical report from the J.J. Dossen Hospital in Harper that disclosed that the victim died from internal organ bleeding and trauma. However, while at the police station, the both suspects denied committing the alleged act of killing the later Peter Huggins despite engaging him in fist-fight.

The two suspects spent few nights behind bars before the Crime Services Department (CSD) of the Liberia National Police charged them with murder and forwarded them to the Magisterial Court on January 25, 2022, pending trial.

The crime is in violation of Section 14.1 of the new penal code of Liberia, which is above the jurisdiction of the Harper Magisterial Court, so the suspects are expected to be transferred to the Fourth Judicial Circuit Court for trial.

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Français

Le gouvernement va construire 25 nouveaux lycées

Cette administration a réalisé le plus gros investissement dans le secondaire depuis les années 1970 pour remédier à l'énorme déficit d'infrastructures dans le secteur de l'éducation, à en croire le président George MannehWeah. Le chef de l'Etat a dit que la subvention de 47 millions de dollars reçue de la Banque mondiale avec un large éventail d'interventions, don't la constructions de nouvelles écoles, la réhabilitation et l'équipement des écoles délabrées, et le développement des manuels scolaires, a grandement contribué à l'énorme effort de réparation du système de l'éducation qui, selon les mots de son prédécesseur, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, était une merde.

Prononçant sa 5e adresse annuelle à la nation devant le pouvoir législatif libérien au cours de la 5e session conjointe au Capitole le lundi 24 janvier 2022, le président Weah a annoncé la rénovation et la réhabilitation en cours de 156 écoles secondaires

publiques à travers le pays.

Il a dit qu'on s'attend d'ici juin de cette année à ce que tous les travaux de rénovation soient terminés et qu'il soit question d'inauguration.

Selon lui, le gouvernement a fait de grands progrès dans l'amélioration de l'alphabétisation et d'autres résultats scolaires dans le secteur de l'éducation, avec des réalisations remarquables dans les domaines de l'accès, de la qualité et de la transformation

du système.

Ces réalisations et interventions comprennent le développement de plateformes d'apprentissage continu et des salles de classe intelligentes dans tout le pays, et l'introduction d'un cadre d'apprentissage à distance ainsi que des laboratoires virtuels.

Il a révélé en outre que dans le cadre du projet IRISE et en partenariat avec la Banque mondiale, le gouvernement construira

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Burkina: le parti de Kaboré réclame sa libération et le retour à l'ordre constitutionnel

Réuni ce mercredi 26 janvier à Ouagadougou, le bureau politique du Mouvement du peuple pour le progrès (MPP) dénonce une remise en cause complète de toutes les dispositions institutionnelles de la République et de la démocratie farouchement acquises. Le parti lance un appel à tous ses militants et sympathisants, à tous les démocrates, pour la recherche d'une solution à la situation que traverse le Burkina Faso

La rencontre a duré environ deux heures, au siège

du parti, au quartier Gounghin de Ouagadougou. Aucun dispositif de sécurité particulier n'était sur place. Pour les responsables du Mouvement du peuple pour le progrès (MPP), la démission de Roch Marc Christian Kaboré a été obtenue sous la pression. Et ce coup d'Etat vient remettre en cause tous les acquis démocratiques depuis l'insurrection populaire de 2014.

« Il ne s'est pas levé lui-même librement pour dire "compte-tenu de tels et tels paramètres, je remets le pouvoir au peuple". Ce n'est pas une démission volontairement pensée, consentie, prononcée par

l'intéressé, c'est une situation d'obligation, de contrainte, c'est un coup d'Etat classique pur et dur », proteste Clément Sawadogo, premier vice-président du MPP.

Les responsables du MPP exigent la mise en liberté, sans condition, du président déchu et celle d'éventuelles personnalités détenues. « Naturellement, un parti ne peut pas être d'accord avec cette situation et c'est pourquoi nous condamnons ce coup d'Etat et continuons d'exiger le retour à l'ordre constitutionnel normal. Parce que c'est quand même une démocratie chèrement acquise. »

Les responsables du Mouvement du peuple pour le progrès disent suivre de près l'évolution de la situation. Mais il ne s'agira pas d'appeler leurs militants à descendre dans la rue. Cela pourrait conduire à un bain de sang, fait savoir Clément Sawadogo.

Le professeur Abdoulaye Soma, président du parti d'opposition Soleil d'Avenir, estime pour sa part qu'il y a

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Éditorial

Regard rétrospectif 4 ans après

Le président George MannehWeah en est à la cinquième année de son administration, après avoir été élu en 2017 et pris fonction par la suite en 2018.

Il est monté à la présidence en tant que politicien populiste et icône internationale du football, gagnant les cœurs et l'admiration de la jeunesse libérienne, qui constitue 60% de la population du pays.

Mais quatre ans après, l'euphorie s'est évaporée et les attentes sont loin de devenir réalité, comme en témoignent les milliers de jeunes sans emploi qui errent quotidiennement dans les rues de Monrovia dans une économie qui tarde à montrer de l'espoir.

M. Weah a fait campagne sur le slogan « Change for Hope » que de nombreux habitants des bidonvilles, en particulier les jeunes du ghetto, pensaient être une opportunité de changer leur niveau de vie et d'améliorer leur sort.

Cependant, quatre ans après, de nombreux jeunes sont désabusés et ils ont exprimé leurs frustrations par des votes de protestation lors de l'élection sénatoriale partielle du 8 décembre 2020 en élisant une opposition à la place, en plein comté de Montserrado, autrefois surnommé le bastion du Congrès pour le changement démocratique au pouvoir.

De nombreux Libériens pensaient que l'insécurité à travers le pays appartiendrait désormais au passé. Ce n'est pas le cas, car les jeunes sans emploi et toxicomanes commandent les rues de Monrovia après le crépuscule, terrorisant les citoyens pacifiques en leur arrachant de force effets personnels et argent sous la menace parfois d'armes à feu, de couteaux ou autres objets mortels.

Mort suspecte de quatre auditeurs, dont le directeur général de l'Agence d'audit interne (IAA) E. BarthenNyenswa en 2020, couplée au meurtre de trois personnalités de premier plan, dont deux fils de deux anciens présidents et un officier du Libéria Le service d'immigration en 2021 a jeté un nuage sombre sur la nation.

Dans la cinquième année de l'administration Weah, la question du panier de la ménagère reste toujours un défi pour de nombreux Libériens ordinaires. L'économie est généralement stagnante, l'inflation mordant au milieu des prix élevés et du pouvoir d'achat en baisse.

Néanmoins, le président Weah a réalisé des progrès dans le développement des infrastructures, en particulier les routes, l'enseignement universitaire gratuit, la santé, la liberté d'expression et la liberté de la presse et de réunion pacifique, entre autres. Mais la corruption systémique à tous les niveaux du gouvernement devient un obstacle à ces efforts sérieux.

Deux ans plus tard, le gouvernement qui brigue un second mandat se rendrait un grand service en démontrant publiquement son engagement à lutter contre la corruption et autres vices négatifs visant à éroder son image et sa crédibilité.

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Français

Le gouvernement va construire

trois lycées modèles au cours du premier trimestre de cette année, maintenant que les exigences de conception et de passation des marchés ont été remplies, ajoutant que chacun des trois établissements a été conçu pour accueillir environ 1 500 lycéens et que le programme sera reproduit dans d'autres districts pour offrir un meilleur environnement d'apprentissage aux enfants libériens.

Le président Weah a indiqué que les statistiques disponibles ont révélé qu'il y a en tout 752 écoles secondaires dans le pays, don't le gouvernement n'en possède que 156.

“Pour réduire cet écart”, a-t-il dit, “le projet IRISE financera la construction de 25 nouvelles écoles secondaires stratégiquement situées dans 25 districts qui sont actuellement sans écoles secondaires”.

Le président Weah a parlé également de la formation continue de 35 enseignants universitaires à l'étranger, de l'acquisition d'une bibliothèque numérique, de la révision des manuels pour les étudiants et de la mise à niveau du programme.

En outre, a-t-il ajouté, dans un effort pour combler les lacunes dans l'éducation des filles, le gouvernement offrira des bourses d'études à 3 000 filles admises en 10e année dans quatre comtés où les taux d'abandon des filles au lycée sont les plus élevés. “Comme il n'y a pas de frais de scolarité dans les écoles publiques, le parrainage couvrira tous les frais d'inscription, les uniformes, les manuels et les allocations annuelles en espèces”, a ajouté le président.

Pour le président, pour que le Libéria se développe, il faut que la mentalité des jeunes se développe. D'où la nécessité de former les

enseignants pour aider les jeunes. “Nos enseignants doivent être formés afin qu'ils soient eux-mêmes capables de former la mentalité de nos jeunes”.

Il a fait savoir en outre qu'au cours de la période considérée, 1 250 enseignants et agents soignants ont bénéficié d'une formation. Ces derniers sont déjà retournés dans leurs lieux d'affectation respectifs dans les comtés de Sinoe, Maryland, Grand Kru, Rivercess, River Gee et Bomi.

Le président Weah a également souligné les progrès et les percées réalisés dans l'enseignement et la formation techniques et professionnels (EFTP). Il a touché du doigt la réhabilitation et la construction des centres de formation dans six comtés.

De plus, il a dit qu'un nombre initial de 76 enseignants de l'EFTP ont été envoyés à l'étranger pour une formation afin de soutenir les institutions d'EFTP à travers le pays à leur retour.

“Un certain nombre d'entre eux seront des maîtres formateurs affectés au Booker Washington Institute, qui est en train d'être transformé en une institution de formation des enseignants de l'EFTP à l'avenir. Le nombre total d'enseignants à cet effet, sera de 120, don't 76 ont été embauchés et sont en formation, tandis que d'autres sont en cours de recrutement pour une formation ultérieure », a expliqué le président.

Il a également dit qu'au cours de la période budgétaire 2020/2021, le gouvernement a affecté 79,4 millions de dollars américains à l'éducation, ce qui représente 14% du budget national.

Pour ce qui concerne le budget national 2022, son gouvernement a l'intention d'augmenter les dépenses dans l'éducation afin que les interventions actuelles puissent conduire à transformer le secteur.

Burkina: le parti de Kaboré réclame

nécessité de mettre en place rapidement une transition politique. Il a participé à la mise en place des instances politiques en 2014 et a été désigné expert pour les Nations unies au Mali, également pour aider à la mise en place de la transition politique. Il se dit aujourd'hui « désolé » mais « pragmatique » et entrevoit déjà la possibilité d'une transition « dans des termes convenables ».

« Je suis désolé d'abord parce que l'avènement d'un coup d'État de déplorable

Mais je suis pragmatique parce que la situation est déjà actée. La priorité absolue, c'est le retour à l'ordre constitutionnel et démocratique normal. Évidemment, comme nous sommes dans le cadre d'un coup d'État, il faudrait que les autorités actuelles déclinent rapidement leurs intentions. Je suis convaincu qu'on est obligé de passer par une transition. La dernière fois, on avait réussi à commencer la transition quinze jours après le coup d'État de 2014. Je suis partant pour qu'on se concerte rapidement. »

COMMENTAIRE

Par Biniam Bedasso,
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Les sanctions économiques ne vont pas apporter la paix en Éthiopie

ADDIS-ABEBA/CHICAGO - La récente décision de l'administration du président américain Joe Biden de révoquer l'éligibilité de l'Éthiopie à la Loi sur la croissance et les perspectives économiques de l'Afrique (AGOA) a relancé le débat sur l'efficacité de l'imposition de sanctions économiques aux pays pauvres. L'administration a cité au motif de cette décision des « violations flagrantes des droits de l'homme internationalement reconnus » dans le conflit au Nord de l'Éthiopie. Mais il n'est pas certain que l'exclusion de l'Éthiopie de ce programme mette fin aux violations, surtout compte tenu de l'implication de multiples acteurs étatiques et non étatiques dans le conflit.

L'AGOA offre aux pays éligibles d'Afrique subsaharienne un accès en franchise de droits au marché américain pour certains produits. L'Éthiopie risque de perdre un accès préférentiel à une part de marché d'une valeur de 240 millions de dollars, équivalente à environ 9 % des exportations totales du pays. La perte va surtout peser sur les industries de l'habillement et du cuir, qui emploient environ 200 000 personnes, dont la plupart sont des femmes.

En général, rien dans la documentation ne soutient l'idée consistant à utiliser des sanctions économiques internationales dans le but d'influencer le comportement politique des gouvernements. Les explications existantes sont tirées du modèle Heckscher-Ohlin du commerce international, selon lesquelles un pays bénéficie de l'exportation de marchandises produites avec ses ressources les plus abondantes et de l'importation de marchandises qui utilisent des ressources qui sont rares. Si des sanctions sont imposées et que les échanges commerciaux sont limités, l'équilibre de l'offre et de la demande du pays sera perturbé et le bien-être général déclinera - ce que les dirigeants politiques souhaitent éviter.

Si personne ne remet en question qu'il fut sage d'emprunter pour répondre à une urgence de santé publique et à la menace d'une crise économique, ces lourdes dettes posent des problèmes de gestion. Les maigres ressources budgétaires qui pourraient sinon être allouées aux soins de santé, à l'éducation et aux infrastructures vont être aspirées par le service de la dette. Et le poids de celle-ci ira croissant à mesure que la Réserve fédérale des États-Unis durcira sa politique monétaire et que se raréfieront les capitaux à l'échelle mondiale, c'est-à-dire qu'augmenteront les pressions à la hausse sur les taux d'intérêt.

La dette publique n'est en outre qu'une partie du problème. Depuis l'apparition de la pandémie, les dettes des ménages et des entreprises non financières ont augmenté presque aussi vite que celles des États. Lorsque ces débiteurs s'avèreront insolubles, il est probable que les pertes seront socialisées et pèseront sur les bilans des finances publiques.

Un autre facteur devrait inciter au scepticisme concernant le consensus sur les marchés émergents : les risques de la promiscuité au travail poussent à l'accélération de l'automation dans les économies avancées. Comme la nécessité d'une étroite coordination oculomotrice entravait encore, voici peu, ce type d'évolution, l'exportation des industries manufacturières à forte concentration de main-d'œuvre constituait longtemps la voie traditionnelle d'augmentation des revenus sur les marchés émergents et dans les pays en développement. Si ces industries ne demandent ni de lourds investissements ni une main-d'œuvre hautement qualifiée, elles ont le mérite de familiariser cette dernière avec la discipline de l'usine, de permettre la formation par l'apprentissage, d'acclimater les entreprises à la concurrence sur les marchés mondiaux et de rapporter des devises.

Il est à craindre que ces produits manufacturés soient très bientôt fabriqués par des robots et des

imprimantes 3D, dans les pays mêmes où ils sont vendus. Une telle perspective renforce les inquiétudes déjà formées quant à la « désindustrialisation prématurée » des marchés émergents.

Concomitamment, les chaînes d'approvisionnement, dont l'importance pour les économies émergentes est cruciale, connaissent, du fait de la pandémie, des perturbations importantes, qui conduisent les entreprises à rechercher des facteurs de production plus proches. Les gouvernements des pays développés arguent quant à eux de leur sécurité économique pour justifier les incitations qu'ils mettent en place afin de rapatrier une partie de la production manufacturée.

Pour les marchés émergents, les effets négatifs ne sont pas sans ressembler à ceux de l'accélération de l'automation. Nombre de pays à revenu faible ou intermédiaire commencent par des tâches d'assemblage simples avant de s'engager dans des opérations de fabrication plus complexes. Les occasions de ce type se raréfieront si les économies développées assemblent plus de biens chez elles.

Le Mexique pourrait tirer profit des efforts consentis par les sociétés aux États-Unis pour contracter leurs chaînes d'approvisionnement. Les pays d'Europe de l'Est pourraient aussi bénéficier d'une dynamique analogue dans les pays de l'Union européenne. Mais l'Asie du Sud, l'Afrique et l'Amérique latine pourraient se trouver évincées.

Et surtout, il faut compter avec les conséquences du Covid-19 sur la formation du capital humain. Si ses effets sont partout négatifs, ils le sont encore plus sur les marchés émergents, où la bande passante à grande vitesse, nécessaire pour dispenser un enseignement à distance correct, est une denrée rare. Le rythme plus lent des vaccinations va se traduire par la prolongation des fermetures de classes dans les établissements d'enseignement et par la multiplication des absences. Selon une estimation de la Banque mondiale, la proportion d'enfants de dix ans ne sachant ni lire ni comprendre un texte simple passera dans les pays en développement de 53 % à 63 % du simple fait de la pandémie.

L'objection la plus convaincante à ces prévisions pessimistes résiderait dans le dopage d'après-crise de l'économie mondiale, qui profiterait aux marchés émergents. La croissance de la productivité dans les économies avancées, qui marquait un ralentissement depuis plusieurs décennies, fut soutenue durant la pandémie, notamment aux États-Unis. Les évolutions technologiques et structurelles induites par la pandémie pourraient désormais entretenir cette accélération. Une croissance plus rapide dans les pays développés créerait ainsi une demande supplémentaire pour les exportations des marchés en développement.

À ce stade, cet argument ne relève que de l'hypothèse. La hausse récente de la productivité dans les économies avancées est entièrement imputable à des facteurs conjoncturels - pour les plus récents d'entre eux à l'utilisation plus intensive de leurs ressources par les entreprises au moment des rebonds qui ont suivi les dépressions enregistrées en 2020. À vrai dire, ces regains de la productivité ressemblent beaucoup à ceux des précédentes reprises liées aux cycles économiques - ce qui signifie qu'il n'est nullement certain que l'accélération se poursuive.

Mais tout n'est pas pour autant lugubre. Au contraire de ce qui s'est passé lors des précédentes récessions, les banques centrales et les gouvernements des marchés émergents ont été capables de stabiliser la situation, ce qui témoigne de leur succès à bâtir leur crédibilité. Jusqu'à présent, les faillites bancaires et les accidents financiers qui ont ponctué dans l'histoire ce type d'épisode ont été rares. La production de vaccins et, conséquemment, les vaccinations s'accroissent. Cela dit, les révisions à la baisse des prévisions de croissance sont probablement inéluctables.

India, Liberia heighten

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goodwill for India during its long deployment but has also been a source of inspiration for the Liberian people especially women.

"Under the dynamic and inspiring leadership of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ji, Amb. Yadav noted that India has been striving to improve its infrastructure, achieve all round development and make India a manufacturing hub for the world as part of 'Make in India', 'Vocal for Local', 'Go for Swadeshi.'

Touching further on India's medical contribution to the world, Amb. Yadav stated that his country has also emerged as the medicine and pharma hub of the world.

During the Covid pandemic, he said India not only took care of its medical needs but also helped many friendly countries including Liberia with the export of medicines

and Covid vaccination.

"I take pride in announcing that recently India surpassed the gigantic figure of 1.6 billion Covid vaccination. I hope and pray that very soon Covid fades away from our lives forever!" said Amb. Yadav. Representing the Government of Liberia at the celebration of Republic Day of India, Madam Naomie M. Gray, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said the people of Liberia continue to enjoy the warm friendship existing between Liberia and India.

"Our Government is appreciative [of] the numerous contributions made over the years by the Government and People of the Republic of India, to include the donation of buses which have helped tremendously in easing our transportation problems, technical assistance as well as [assisting] in developing our human resource capacity," Minister Gray said.

She assured the Indian side of President Weah's commitment in further enhancing cordial relations and historic bonds of friendship between the two countries.

"We wish to assure you of Liberia's commitment to the longstanding relationship between our two countries and peoples," said Minister Gray.

On behalf of the Government and People of Liberia, Madam Gray also thanked India for the donation of medical supplies in the fight against the deadly Covid - 19 pandemic.

Further, Ministry Gray informed Amb. Yadav that the Indian community in Liberia continues to stand by their host country in good and bad times.

"We note with gratitude its involvement in the economic development process of Liberia," said Minister Gray.

Weah launches LTC 4G

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Executive Officer Richmond Nagbe Toby, while giving an overview of the launch says the occasion has been one of the many days he prayed for to come, adding "We are confident today that in 2018 when you asked us to steer the affairs of this company by then it was LIBTECO, but with level of work and transformation that are in place today, we are proud to deliver present LTC."

CEO Toby explains that the LTC has worked closely with the Ministry of Finance over the past four years to build a core infrastructure that allows the entity to transport data from Lynch Street, Monrovia to Freeport on Bushrod Island and other areas.

He continues that they are currently working along with the Liberia Revenue Authority to collect revenue at a low cost for the good of the public.

At the same time Finance and Development Planning Minister Samuel D. Tweah,

commends employees of LTC for their marvelous work, adding that the launch of the 4G mobile network will add values and ease challenges in the telecommunication sector.

He also lauds President Weah for providing the enabling environment for the citizenry, saying all of the good things happening across the country are as the result of his (Pres. Weah's) good leadership.

"Your passion for change, and the vision you have for this country got us witnessing the great progress as a country."

Minister Tweah notes that Liberia is making significant strides under the digital economy, and that there will come a time where President Weah will speak on the current transformation Liberia is making in the digital space.

The LTC 4G mobile network brings to three the number of GSM companies currently operating in the country. The other two are privately-owned

Boakai storms

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members along with the former Vice President Amb. Boakai had on black and white as a symbol of their bereavement.

While the program was ongoing, the leadership of UP distributed candles with the public and brought a wreath at the front of the altar with burning candles around it.

At the end of the program, Vice President Boakai and his UP leadership held a special meeting with the victims and presented sealed envelopes to them for their upkeep.

Additionally, Mr. Boakai and his entourage held a special meeting with the Redemption Hospital and Cora Medical Clinic in New Kru Town where several patients are still undergoing medical treatment and made cash available to them for their treatment.

Consoling the family and offering special prayer for them, the former VP said that he is deeply saddened by the death of those citizens who went to worship God in order to have peace, but lost their lives in such a tragedy.

"Today we are here briefly to say sorry for what happened, even though this can't get your lost one back, but it makes you feel part of a society. This is not about politics, but this is about feeling from one who is like you. We know how people feel losing their relatives, family and loved ones in such a painful manner," Mr. Boakia said.

He said he thought the best way is to go to the people, pray with them, meet their leadership and show to

them that he feels their pain and sorrow and that he also cares about them.

The CPP Chairman prayed that God blesses the family and consoles them, adding that the death is very saddening and heartbreaking, but above all, God is the only comforter.

Mr. Boakai urged them all to look to God as the finisher of their faith.

Offering prayer for the family, Amb. Boakai said: "Today we commit these people who stand before you in your hands and ask that you bring peace, console and encouragement to them."

He continued: "Some of them who are not here, Lord, we pray that this prayer touches them, strengthens and encourages them. I know there is something special they have lost in those that departed, but again, I pray that you restore it all."

Amb. Boakai prayed for peace today in the country Liberia and against violence, saying he wishes that God be with everyone and console them during this period.

"We thank you for knowing you because you are the most important knowledge that any human can ever have. Today, we say bring blessing to them and console them and make way for [the] because you are able to do what we can't imagine or think of," he added.

"We offered this prayer, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Blessed Holy Spirit, Amen," he concluded.

For their part, the victims through one of their spokespersons, Madam Patient Wleh, expressed excitement and appreciation to former Vice President Boakai and the entire leadership of the Unity Party for coming to their aid.

According to Madam Wleh, the visit is very important and timely because the bereaved are very confused and hopeless because of those people they lost within an hour.

"We say thank you for coming and for the prayers. They were inspiring to us and we give our lives in the hands of God because he has been with us since this thing happened. We want to thank everyone for showing up for us and making us feel part of the society," Madam Wleh said in tear.

Also speaking, representative aspirant Mr. Robert B. Teah thanked his standard bearer Amb. Boakai for identifying with the people of New Kru Town, saying all Liberians should follow the good example of the former Vice President.

"I am appealing to everyone in here to continue engaging those victims because it's not an easy thing to go through what they are in. Everyday, I feel for them but again, thanks for the comfort and love demonstrated to them everyday," *he said.*

Senate gives NFAA autonomy

By Ethel A Tweh

The Plenary of the Liberian Senate passes into law a bill, granting the National Food Assistance Agency an autonomous status. The decision comes as a result of a report by the committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Montserrado County Senator Abraham Darius Dillon proffered the Bill last year, seeking to make the NFAA autonomous.

In his communication to plenary, Senator Dillon said the agency's function and

The Committee that is chaired by Margibi County Senator Jim Tornonlah, said NFAA should be financed through the National Budget and donor partners.

It noted in its report that the Government of Liberia intends to encourage investment in such sectors to ensure sustainable development and realization of food security in line with the 2030 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to end poverty.

The Committee's report however states that the Government of Liberia and its international partners endeavor



responsibilities are very cardinal to the food security of the nation.

He noted that the NFAA was established by an Executive Order in the 70s, and has been operating with the statutory mandate to coordinate all food assistance programs on behalf of the Government of Liberia.

Based on his communication, the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry recommended that plenary should pass the bill into law.

to strengthen Agro-Liberia Institutions to take responsibilities in the management.

Based on the Senate's mandate for reform, it voted thru head counts to know who's in favor or against.

Sixteen Senators voted in favor of the Committee's recommendation while two voted against. Bong County Senator Prince K. Moya made the motion to pass the bill into law.

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Samukai ordered jailed!

By Lincoln G. Peters

The Supreme Court of Liberia has ordered the enforcement of a two - year jail term against the country's former Defense Minister and now Lofa County Senator - elect Mr. Brownie Samukai and his two deputies in relation to their conviction for corruption.

The three officials were earlier ordered to restitute funds they were accused of misapplying or face jail terms, but the court has found that they have failed on the restitution order.



Samukai and his two former deputies, Mr. Joseph P. Johnson and Mr. Nyumah Borbor served during the Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf regime and were convicted for misappropriating soldiers of the Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL) personal pension saving funds and were asked to restitute the amount or face a jail sentence.

Mr. Samukai was elected Senator of Lofa County during the 2020 senatorial election held across the 15 counties, but the Supreme Court has prevented him from being certificated or taking his seat at the Liberian Senate until he removed the liability imposed upon him by his conviction.

The Supreme Court ruled Thursday, 27 January 2022 that Mr. Samukai having failed to comply with the mandate to pay 50% of the judgment sum in the [tune of] US\$ 573,828.15 within the period of six months, he has breached the conditions of the suspended sentence.

The court therefore revoked the suspension against the execution of his two - year jail term to now allow him to be put behind bars.

Reading the Court ruling, Associate Justice Sie - A - Nyene G. Yuoh said the convicts will now serve two years

together and so they have to pay the money collectively.

Justice Yuoh added that Circuit Court Judge A. Blamo Dixon improperly executed the mandate of the Supreme Court when he relied on the ruling of Judge Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay which had been modified by the Court and apportioned the judgment amount of US\$ 1,147,656.35 among the three respondents and ordered that each of them, including Samukai, pay his share of 50% of the Judgment sum.

The Circuit judge had calculated that to be US\$ 191,276.05, but the Supreme Court says the judge is clearly in error. Justice Yuoh further explained that given the clear language of the February 8, 2021 opinion and judgment of the Supreme Court regarding the joint liability of restituting the judgment amount, the payment by Co-respondent Samukai in the amount of US\$191,276.05 cannot be considered compliance with the mandate of the Supreme Court.

"That a bill of information will lie to prevent the inferior court or officer thereof who attempted to execute the mandate of the Supreme Court in an improper manner; or to prevent anyone whosoever from interfering with the judgment or mandate of the court. Hence, this bill of information is the appropriate remedy where it is established that the trial court is improperly executing the mandate of the Supreme Court," she emphasized.

She also explained that the bill of information filed on August 18, 2021 by the respondent Samukai requesting for enlargement of time is a plea made in bad faith, as one cannot claim satisfaction or reparation and at the same time pray for time to comply.

She said the bill of information requested for enlargement of time has become moot.

imprisonment and pay full judgment amount of US\$ 1,147,656.35, less the amount already paid by them.

"[Therefore], upon their failure to pay, they shall remain in prison until the balance is fully liquidated at the rate US\$ 25. 00 per month," Justice Yuoh said.

She maintained that the law provides that where criminal defendants are jointly adjudged guilty of a crime, they are together considered collectively responsible for any fine and/ or penalty until the judgment is fully satisfied.

Mr. Samukai made some efforts aimed at paying 50 percent of what he thought was his portion of the total judgment sum, but the Court says he and his two deputies were convicted

India, Liberia heighten friendly relations

By Winston W. Parley

Indian Ambassador to Liberia Mr. Pradip Kumar Yadav says his country's decision to upgrade its bilateral relations with friendly Liberia has led to the opening of a resident Mission in Liberia which he heads as its first resident Ambassador.

Delivering a speech Wednesday night, 26 January 2022 at the Mamba Point Hotel in Monrovia in observance of Republic Day of India, Amb. Yadav said India and Liberia have enjoyed warm and friendly relations for the last many decades.

"India has always strived to have good friendly relations with all other countries including its neighbors. India's decision to upgrade our bilateral relations with friendly Liberia led to the opening of a resident Mission in Liberia headed by the first resident Ambassador," said Amb. Yadav.

The ceremony on Wednesday night marked the first-ever National Day of the Republic Day of India being hosted by the

said Amb. Yadav.

Additionally, he said India's Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji has two important goals close to his heart - 'Beti Bachao, Beti Pado,' an Indian statement he has interpreted as 'Save the Daughter, Teach the Daughter.'

Similarly, Amb. Yadav said, Liberian President George Manneh Weah is a crusader of gender equality and is widely acknowledged as the 'Feminist in Chief.'

He said the second goal is 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas' which translates in English as 'Everyone Together for Everyone's development, with everyone's confidence and everyone's efforts.'

In Liberia, Amb. Yadav noted, President Weah has also been striving for the success of the 'Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development'. He said India has faith in the wise statesmanship of President Weah to achieve these goals.

The Indian diplomat indicated that from time to time, India has been contributing towards the



newly opened Embassy of India, to the Republic of Liberia.

Members of the Indian diplomatic and business communities including India's immediate past Honorary Consul General to Liberia and Philanthropist Mr. Upjit Singh Sachedeva, Liberian officials and other special guests graced the Republic Day of India celebration in Monrovia. There were Indian cultural performances at the event.

Amb. Yadav explained that both countries share common views on the important issues affecting the world, be it human rights, women empowerment, international peace, solar energy, environmental protection and above all democracy. He thanked the friendly Liberian government for providing an encouraging and conducive business environment to the Indian community here.

"I am pleased to announce that the vibrant, law - abiding Indian community has also been contributing its fair share in the growing Liberian economy,"

development of friendly Liberia by way of supply of passenger buses, fire trucks, agricultural assistance, capacity building programs, and cash contribution for the 14th Military hospital, among others.

During the difficult times of Ebola in 2014-15, Amb. Yadav recalled, the Government of India stood by its friend Liberia and extended bilateral cash assistance and US\$ 10 million to the UN Fund for Ebola-affected countries including Liberia.

"India also actively participated in the peacekeeping efforts of the

United Nations Mission in Liberia from 2007 to 2016 and deployed an Indian Army contingent," he added.

He said the first-ever all-women contingent in the history of UN peacekeeping was the Female Formed Police Unit of the Central Reserve Police Force of India, deployed in friendly Liberia.

The female contingent not only generated enormous

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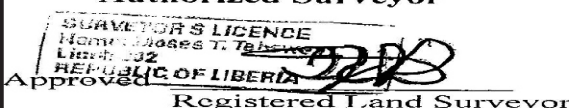
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Boakai storms New Kru Town

—Offers special prayer for stampede victims, presents envelops



By Lincoln G. Peters

Former Liberian Vice President and Current Chairman of the opposition Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) Amb. Joseph Nyumah Boakai on Thursday, 27 January 2022 stormed New Kru Town on Bushrod Island to identify with, console and offer special prayer for stampede victims and their families.

The program which was held in the Town Hall of the Borough of New Kru Town brought together several sympathizers and families, along with some of the surviving stampede victims.

The General Overseer of the World of Life Outreach International Ministries Apostle Abraham Kromah organized a three - day night - time crusade that ended tragically with 29

deaths of the worshipers confirmed by health authorities here.

Drug abusers commonly known among Liberians as zogoes or disadvantaged youths reportedly invaded the crusade, armed with deadly instruments intended to incite fear, wage terror and steal from people.

The three-day night-time crusade was organized on Wednesday night, 19 January 2022 at the D. Twe Memorial High School soccer pitch in New Kru Town.

Also at the special prayer program, several top officials of the former ruling Unity Party including party chairman Mr. Amin Modad, Secretary General, MoAli, and Assistant Secretary General for Press and Publicity Mrs. Cornelia Kruah-Togba, among others, were seen.

During the program, family

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A reputable newspaper with a printing press is seeking application from a qualified Liberian for the position of a layout and graphic designer for immediate employment.

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Weah launches LTC 4G Volte Mobile Network

By Lewis S. Teh

In an effort to make communication accessible and affordable to its citizens, the Government of Liberia through the Liberia Telecommunications Corporation (LTC) officially launches a 4G volte mobile network in the country.

Making remarks at the official launching ceremony yesterday January 27 2022,

President George M. Weah describes the launch of the state-owned mobile company as timely and a milestone in the history of Liberia.

Speaking Thursday, January 27, 2022 at the ceremony, President Weah noted that his presence at the

compound of the LTC to form part of the launch wasn't anything strange because he had once worked at the entity as a switch board technician, adding "If I have stayed here and pursued a career as a professional by now I'm the one who leading the charge here as CEO."

Mr. Weah says it gives him a great pride and feeling to have returned to his old place of work to launch the country's first public 4G mobile network.

"When you came onboard to steer the affairs of this corporation, we trusted that your managerial responsibility of transforming this government-owned public corporation into a vibrant

institution; with this I'm proud to say you didn't disappoint me", he hails the current management team of the entity.

The President notes that he did the amendment that was passed into law by the Legislature to enable the LTC to offer GSM services to the public, he had the expectation that the management would have stepped up their game.

The Liberia Telecommunications Corporation (LTC) is a public entity providing services to citizens and foreign residents. Headquartered in Monrovia, the company provides telephone, Internet, fax, and radio services, among others. Speaking earlier, Chief

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